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The National Secretariat

The **Institute for International Programs, Johns Hopkins University** serves as *National Secretariat* for the **Health and Child Survival Fellows Program (H&CS Fellows Program)**. The program has as its objective the establishing and fostering of a cadre of field-experienced technical experts in child survival and international health. The program offers two-year fellowships in international health and child survival for junior and mid-level Fellows. The program's assignments are with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), international health organizations and donor agencies, as well as with universities, Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and governments. Through a separate agreement the Program also places Fellows with the Baltimore City Health Department. The USAID assignments are located at USAID headquarters in Washington, DC and in its overseas field operations.



ABOVE: Eritrean children pose for the camera.

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Introducing New Health and Child Survival Fellows and Interns

Michael J. Andreini
Health Advisor Sudan Field Office
USAID/Nairobi



Mr Michael J. Andreini serves as Health Advisor at the Sudan Field Office in Nairobi, Kenya. He provides managerial and technical assistance to the Sudan Field Office (SFO) and its health, nutrition, population, water and sanitation activities. In particular he provides technical advice and support to the SFO in the management of the Health Transformation program.

He provides support to the SFO in its management of its health, nutrition, population, water, and sanitation activities. These include identifying (and proposing solutions) to management and technical problems and issues that arise during program implementation; participating in donor collaboration efforts; interacting with representatives of the Southern Sudanese Secretariat of Health, as appropriate, to help address health policy issues. He also assists with tracking and reporting on the results of USAID health programs, including the indicators included in the Mission's

performance monitoring plan.

He provides managerial support to help the Mission's health team to effectively manage its health program. These duties may include but are not limited to: preparation of talking points, power point presentations, and policy briefs for meetings with the Embassy, international donors and NGOs; analysis of contractor and other organization reports on health, water, and sanitation in Sudan; field visits to Mission project sites for monitoring and evaluating the status of health, water, and sanitation activities;

Mr Andreini served as Regional Medical Coordinator in Sudan for GOAL. In this position he coordinated management of Primary Care outpatient clinics in North and West Darfur and as well as sustaining all aspects of Health, Nutrition, and Community Health in GOAL Sudan's Darfur Emergency Program. He served as Consultant Epidemiologist for Epicentre / Medcines sans Frontiere Epidemiology providing in-field emergency health assessments soon after the beginning of the Darfur crisis, producing risk assessment reports on IDPs. This work required periods of filling in as MSF Field Medic in areas of South and West Darfur States, Sudan.

His international experience includes work in Albania, Kenya, South Africa as well as in Sudan.

Mr Andreini received his MPH from Tulane University

Mr Andreini is fluent in French and Italian. He also speaks Swahili.

***ThuVan Dinh, MPH
Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor
USAID/GH/OHA/SPER***



Ms ThuVan T. Dinh serves as Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor for the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS). She provides broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She works to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assist USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

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assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assist USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Ms Dinh assists Cooperating Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies to design program activities that will have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects.

She participates in the development and implementation of training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that serve to broaden knowledge and

practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs and related activities.

Ms Dinh provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design and implementation of national or program-level monitoring and evaluation systems and also in the design/implementation of program evaluations. She participates as a member of the Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting (MER) Team, under the direction of the MER Team Leader, and as a member of the SPER Division in planning, implementing and reporting on activities at the Team, Division, Office and Agency levels.

Ms Dinh joins the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Administrator, Office of Planning and Evaluation (OPE) where she served as Health Policy and Public Health Analyst. In this position she participated in a full range of policy, analysis, planning, and coordination in prevention activities including: HRSA Federal Co-Lead Work Group Coordinator for the Healthy People 2010 Focus Area on Educational and Community-Based Programs (ECBP) – with the CDC Federal Agency Co-Lead, coordinate and manage a cross-Department work group that focuses on implementing the ECBPs objectives. Participate in a variety of Healthy People 2010 planning and process meetings, including the implementation of the Midcourse Review process. Previously she served as Public Health Analyst with HRSA Scholar Program

Ms Dinh received her MPH from Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, Department of Community Health.

During this quarter, Ms Dinh participated in the USAID Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) Acquisitions and Assistance two-week training course. In November, she travelled on TD/Y to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to provide technical assistance for PEPFAR Country Operational Plan and country strategy. Also in November, she travelled on TD/Y to Hanoi, Viet Nam to participate in a strategic information site visit and to assist in the country's writing of their annual report for PEPFAR.

In December, Ms Dinh participated in a strategic information technical assistance assignment in Kathmandu, Nepal. The key objective was to review the PEPFAR FY06 reporting guidance with the Nepal Mission staff and their implementing partners to be able to respond to their performance monitoring plan (PMP) and monitoring framework questions and needs of the Mission and those of their partners. The Strategic Information (SI) Team also met with international and national partners to discuss monitoring and evaluation activities and reporting broadly and participated in a couple of site visits with local partners.

Youssef Tawfik, M.B. CH, MPH
Senior Child Health Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH



HCSFP

Dr Youssef Tawfik serves as Senior Child Health advisor to the Maternal Child Health Division. In this capacity he provides the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Bureau for Global Health (BGH) with technical support and oversight to the development and implementation of policy, research, and project activities in health and child survival under Strategic Objective 3 (SO3: Increased use of key child health and nutrition interventions.)

Dr Tawfik serves as the “point person” in coordinating BGH’s initiative to expand community-level treatment of child pneumonia, including working with USAID country missions, country health officials, and partner organizations to examine opportunities for introduction of this approach and helping coordinate subsequent implementation, evaluation, advocacy, and transfer of program experience.

He represents BGH in detailed technical and policy interactions with the bureau’s Office of HIV/AIDS and the inter-agency Pediatric HIV Working Group in developing approaches to link prevention, care, and treatment of pediatric HIV with broader HIV/AIDS and maternal-child health programming, and participating in support to USAID-assisted country programs in implementing such approaches.

Dr Tawfik participates in strategic planning and coordination of activities in selected technical areas of additional BGH cooperating agencies working in child health and nutrition and related health systems and policy areas, including the BASICS III, micronutrient, Linkages, ACCESS, RPM Plus, QAWD, EHP, HARP, MEASURE, and Global Communication Projects, as well as the BGH PVO Child Survival Grants program and other child health and nutrition-related grants and agreements.

He provides technical backstopping in cross-cutting functions related to implementation of child health and nutrition programs in developing countries.

Dr Tawfik joins the Health and Child Survival Fellows Program from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Communication Programs (CCP). While with CCP he served as Associate Director, Health Sciences. In this position he provided technical leadership, medical and scientific oversight for programs on child health, HIV/AIDS, and infectious diseases (malaria and TB) in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Middle East. Represented CCP in international expert panels at WHO, UNICEF, , Roll Back Malaria, Stop TB Partnership, and Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization

(GAVI). He previously served as Child Health Advisor with the Academy for Educational Development.

Dr Tawfik received his M.B.CH from Cairo University School of Medicine. He received his MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. He is a native Arabic speaker and also speaks French.



Rickshaw driver with Polio Communication material, Uttar Pradesh, Spring 2005.

Health and Child Survival Fellows

Namita Agravat, MPH
Child Survival and Health Grants
Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

Ms Namita Agravat serves as Child Survival and Health Grants Program Advisor in the Division of Nutrition. She assists in strengthening the contributions of and expands the involvement of U.S. Private

Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID's Child Survival and other programs by advising on policy and program issues related to the centrally funded Child Survival Grants Program.

Ms Agravat assists with the development, coordination and analysis of Agency relationships with the international health community. She assists with collaboration with other Agency bureaus, offices and missions in recommending, implementing and monitoring policies and procedures regarding PVOs/NGOs with child survival programs. She develops, analyzes and recommends policies and programs to assure effective use of the resources of the U.S. PVO/NGO community in furthering overseas development in health and child survival. She assists with the development and monitoring of training programs especially designed for the benefit of PVOs/NGOs funded through CSHG programs, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design, budget preparation and general USAID funding eligibility requirements.

The Child Survival and Health Grants Program team was busy preparing for two events that brought PVO/NGO staff to the Washington, D.C. area for interaction with the CSHGP team. The first was the CSHGP Annual FY06 RFA conference, held September 14th and 15th, 2005. The conference included a New Partner Orientation for organizations interested in responding to the FY06 CSHGP Request for Applications (RFA). The event included presentations by the CSHGP team as well as technical updates from other USAID/GH staff on key technical areas pertaining to Child Survival. The second event was the New Grantee Orientation held October 26th and 27th, 2005. This was an opportunity for the FY05 grantees to meet with CSHGP staff to become more acquainted with the project start-up activities and USAID priorities. Ms Agravat presented in both meetings as well as facilitated roundtable discussions at the New Grantee Orientation.

Ms Agravat participated in advisory meetings for the Zinc Task Force (ZTF) during this quarter. She provided background information to ZTF consultants on the original waiver for the procurement of zinc and the barriers faced by PVOs/NGOs in the implementation of zinc as treatment for diarrhea. Barriers include that of country policy, registration of the zinc in-country, and procurement difficulties. The discussion also included the potential for use of zinc by the PVOs/NGOs primarily with respect to operations research. The consultation was helpful in acquainting the consultants on the CSHGP as well as familiarizing Ms Agravat on global issues in zinc procurement.

Ms Agravat has also spent significant time in this quarter on reviewing project Midterm

Evaluations and Annual Reports of existing grantees. The review includes highlighting key technical areas of weakness in addition to management issues requiring urgent attention from the CTO.

Ms Agravat is preparing for another TDY to India to visit existing grantee projects in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. She will also be meeting with the USAID Mission as well as two organizations which had CSHGP projects that ended in the last two years. The opportunity should be a good one for the exposure to PVO/NGO activities in the field.

Finally, Ms Agravat has recently joined the Country Coordination Team for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as the co-Alternate Country Coordinator. She is looking forward to engaging in a country team for the exposure to Mission strategies and to pursuing health areas beyond Child Survival. Her involvement will begin more heavily in January after her return from India.

***Matthew Emerson Barnhart, MD, MPH
HIV/AIDS Senior Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/OHA/TLR***

Dr Matthew Barnhart serves as an HIV/AIDS Advisor to the Office of HIV/AIDS, Division of Technical Leadership and Research. He provides support to USAID's implementation of

HIV/AIDS programs, with emphasis on interventions for prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and linking PMTCT to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment services. Dr Barnhart also provides technical assistance and acts as liaison to regional bureaus and USAID partners in the care, treatment and PMTCT fields, including the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Columbia University PMTCT-Plus Project. During this quarter, Dr Barnhart has continued to work closely with these two organizations to help review their plans and strategies for expanding PMTCT and family-centered HIV care and treatment services.

Dr Barnhart serves as the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group on PMTCT and Pediatric HIV which is focused on providing technical guidance to PEPFAR in these areas. Over the last quarter the group worked together to technically review the PMTCT and pediatric components of the country operational plans for PEPFAR focus countries. The group has also been drafted a document that summarizes the technical issues surrounding the use of HAART for PMTCT.

Dr Barnhart serves as the USAID representative on the interagency PEPFAR core team for Russia. From October 9 – 18, Dr Barnhart traveled to Moscow with other members of the core team to assist the in-country team in drafting a country operational plan and a 5-year strategy about how to support Russia in its fight against HIV and AIDS.

From November 29th to December 4th Dr Barnhart traveled to Nigeria to participate in the PMTCT High Level Global Partners Forum in Abuja. The meeting reviewed global progress toward UNGASS goals for PMTCT over the last 5 years and drafted a set of technical recommendations to speed PMTCT scale-up based upon the results of some

countries which have had success in this regard. The final day of the meeting, attended by many Ministers of Health from various countries, produced a Call to Action to accelerate access to high quality PMTCT services. From December 4th -7th, Dr Barnhart remained in Nigeria along with colleagues from the CDC to provide technical assistance to the USG in-country team to strengthen its plans to support the Nigerian national PMTCT program in the upcoming year.

Dr Barnhart has been involved in a collaborative project between USAID, the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim, and PATH which seeks to increase access to the infant dose of the antiretroviral drug Virammune through developing more practical packaging options of the oral suspension used for PMTCT. Plans have now been made to begin pilot-testing early next year a foil pouch to improve the quality and acceptability of Virammune that is sent home to give to HIV-exposed infants.

Christopher G. Barrett, MSc
Infectious Diseases and HIV-AIDS
Fellow
USAID/India

Mr Christopher Barrett serves as the Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Fellow at the USAID mission in India. Mr Barrett assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the

Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #14: Improved health and reduced fertility in targeted areas of India.

Mr Barrett provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's Infectious Disease and Child Survival interventions. Mr Barrett coordinates and monitors support for Polio eradication and Routine Immunization portfolios. He serves as the Mission's point-person for applied epidemiological research, malaria control, HIV intervention performance monitoring, investments into support for the national surveillance system development, and provides technical and managerial support to the India Clinical Epidemiological Network (IndiaCLEN) activity. He has developed the ID strategy, results frameworks and performance monitoring plans for the ID Team and works to promote cross linkages to other SO teaMs

Mr Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of behavioral, mapping, and health care provider surveys which support the HIV-AIDS bilateral project of AVERT (Maharashtra). Mr Barrett also provides technical and managerial support to the Mission's partnership in the Polio Eradication Initiative – supporting acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, social mobilization, and communication activities. Mr Barrett is the mission's technical representative at Inter-Country Coordinating meetings and reviews for polio eradication and vaccine preventable diseases. He recently participated in the National Review of the Multi-Year Plan for Routine Immunization. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO and IndiaCLEN for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors and Ministry of Health colleagues to coordinate the mission's malaria control investments with the Malaria Research Center which include support for research for burden of malaria, malaria in pregnancy, drug resistance, and provider practices. Mr Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to

the organization's activities. He helps to define research priorities and develop plans for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.



Christopher Barrett inspecting malaria blood smear slides, Jharkhand, Summer 2005.

***Rick Berzon, DrPH
HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/OHA/SPER***

Dr Rick Berzon serves as HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor to the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division. He provides broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise

and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. He strengthens USAID's ability to establish and monitor surveillance programs in particular, and assesses the impacts of the programs on USAID's strategic objectives—which are to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families.

Dr Berzon advises specific PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) countries on the design and implementation of Strategic Information Systems so that countries can better target their AIDS prevention, care and treatment efforts. The countries to which he is assigned are South Africa and Russia.

As a member of each country's core team, Rick traveled to South Africa in September and to Russia in November; he was in each country for approximately 10 days. During his visits Dr Berzon provided technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus regarding the design and implementation of national and program-level monitoring, evaluation and surveillance systems, and also in the design and implementation of program evaluations. He also assisted with each country's operational plan, contributing to their respective strategies and targets across various indicators, including PMTCT (prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission), prevention, counseling and testing, palliative care, TB treatment, and antiretroviral therapy. While in Russia, Rick had two meetings with the federal Ministry of Health; and met with the Director of the Department of AIDS to discuss potential research projects to accrue information from high-risk populations within that country.

Dr Berzon serves as the co-chair of the PEPFAR Surveillance and Survey Technical Working Group, which is responsible for advising on the conduct of surveillance and survey activities within respective PEPFAR countries. In addition to developing guidance to assist countries to formulate their country operational plans, Rick assists with the working group's budget and with planning efforts to guide future activities.

Dr Berzon is also a member of the PEPFAR PMTCT and Pediatric HIV Technical Working Group, which provides technical guidance in these areas to PEPFAR countries.

In October, Rick attended the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL) annual meeting in San Francisco, California. ISOQOL is a professional organization which promotes development of methods and tools to conceptualize, measure and interpret health-related quality of life information in population-based studies, clinical trial designs, office-based practice, and related research and practice settings. Rick moderated several panels, and organized and moderated a plenary session entitled, "Policy Applications of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQL)." The session addressed how HRQL research and outcomes affect public policy decisions made at the macro level. Insights were provided by a number of researchers and practitioners into medical practice, patient care, public policy, the political process, and the future course and direction of high-level governmental and private sector policy-making with respect to HRQL activities. HRQL is relevant to work currently ongoing within USAID regarding its measurement and interpretation—as well as that of overall subject well-being—within PLWAs.

Malia Boggs, MPH
Micronutrients Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

Ms Malia Boggs serves as Micronutrients Program Advisor in the Bureau for Global Health's Nutrition Division. The technical focus of her work includes USAID's food

fortification and vitamin A supplementation programs, for which she works in collaboration with USAID missions, regional bureaus, implementing agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors, international organizations, and the private sector.

In October, Ms Boggs traveled to China for the launch of the Business Alliance for Food

Fortification (BAFF), established to provide a platform for the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and its partners to work constructively with the business community. Representatives from myriad Chinese and multinational companies attended, including BASF, Cargill, Coca-Cola, Danone, DSM, H.J. Heinz Company, and Unilever among others. This group of leaders and food industry representatives drafted the Beijing Declaration on Food Fortification, expressing their commitment to corporate social responsibility and addressing vitamin and mineral deficiencies through sustainable food fortification interventions that reach the poor and at risk populations. While in China, she also participated in GAIN's 8th Board Meeting in Beijing from October 24-25th.

In the last quarter, Ms Boggs continued to assist in the close-out of the MOST Project and in the start-up of A2Z – USAID's new Micronutrient and Child Blindness Project. As part of the CTO team, she helped to finalize the MOST Final Report and contributed to discussions on A2Z workplans. She is also part of the team working to facilitate the roll-out of zinc/ORT programs for the treatment of childhood diarrhea.

Late in the quarter, Ms Boggs attended a two-day Global Development Alliance Workshop on building and strengthening public-private alliances. Finally, she was recently chosen as Alternate Country Coordinator to support the India Mission's MCH and Urban Health Division.

***Judy Canahuati, M.Phil.
MCHN & HIV Technical Advisor
USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD***

Ms Judy Canahuati is a Johns Hopkins Health and Child Survival Fellow serving as Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of

Food for Peace in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance. In this position, as well as working with country back-stop officers on Development Assistance and Emergency proposals and on technical issues related to the areas of MCHN and HIV/AIDS, she serves on USAID and CORE Working Groups focusing on HIV, Nutrition and Food Security as well as on those working with the World Food Program (WFP), with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for Africa and other for a for sharing on nutrition and HIV-related issues.

During this quarter, Ms Canahuati continued to provide support to a H&CS intern in Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau (DCHA) who had accompanied a FANTA advisor in Uganda and Kenya to work on case studies of HIVAIDS and Food Security.

She continued her participation in the Food and Nutrition Working Group that includes the Office of Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC), CDC, USDA, Peace Corps and USAID, providing feedback on food and nutrition in the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) sections of the 2006 proposed Country Operating Plans (COP). She participated in several meetings with partners of Food for Peace, including ADRA and the World Food Program. She has attended CORE meetings and has been involved with a CORE initiative to encourage more collaboration of food security staff of CORE members in CORE health and child survival activities. Ms Canahuati has also participated in the Food

Aid Coalition Group meeting and in several meetings of the FFP general issues working groups and interoffice working groups looking at the guidance for multi-year proposals as well as performance indicators around the development of the new FFP strategy.

She has continued working with the commodity operations group in FFP and USDA around issues related to corn soy blend and additional commodities to be added to the list of available FFP commodities. As part of this work, she formed part of a FFP-USDA team that visited Zimbabwe to discuss the results of the testing and sampling of CSB that took place over the summer. In addition, she participated in a Sustain technical advisory meeting and has met with Sustain staff several times.

During this quarter, Ms Canahuati participated in several activities around the issue of Community Therapeutic Care (CTC), a methodology that has been developed for recuperating severely malnourished children, one a briefing for USAID personnel and the second a Medicins San Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) sponsored event in New York, discussing the programmatic side of carrying out CTC. In addition, with a FFP-USDA team, she met with Nutriset, the producers of a therapeutic food used in CTC, to discuss possible collaboration on commodity production. As part of her work with the commodity group, she has been involved in finalizing the revised program description for F-100 milk for the International Farm Relief Partnership (IFRP) program of the FFP office, in a review of a new commodity request for peanut butter and work on a nutritionally dense emergency food product, which is now being passed to FFP from the Policy Unit of DCHA. In addition, Ms Canahuati attended a workshop on soy in Illinois to better understand how soy can be used in FFP's work.

During this quarter, Ms Canahuati participated in the USAID mini-university, presenting on lessons learned in implementing infant and young child feeding programs. In addition, she also traveled to Rwanda and Uganda as part of a USAID team to discuss programming with HIV affected populations in those two countries.



Judy Canahuati staff of a Nutrition Rehabilitation Center receiving WFP support in Rwanda.



A grain storage bin near an IDP camp in TESO Region, Uganda.

Misun Choi, MPH
MEASURE Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Ms Misun Choi serves as MEASURE Advisor in the Health Systems Division at USAID. As MEASURE Advisor she assists with the development, implementation and

dissemination of Health and Nutrition activities of the MEASURE project. In her capacity as MEASURE Advisor, Ms Choi advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they relate to the collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data that are applicable to the health sectors of developing countries.

Ms Choi assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health, household and facility survey schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, infectious diseases, health systems, health expenditure and utilization) for the Demographic and Health Surveys and other instruments developed under MEASURE. She serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE DHS and MEASURE Evaluation.

This quarter, Ms Choi attended the 4th Health Metrics Network (HMN) Board Meeting where initial decisions were made on the number of countries to fund from the first round of applications. Ms Choi also attended a meeting that was a start to collaborating and coordinating efforts between the RHIS (routine health information systems) and DDIU (data demand and information utilization) activities in MEASURE/Evaluation. This quarter Ms Choi has also continued to work with the SO team leaders in further analyzing DHS data.

Felicia Fielding, MPH
MCH/PRH Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS/EEST

Ms Felicia Fielding serves as a member of the Regional and Country Support division in Global Health, as part of the Europe and Eurasia Health Team. Ms Fielding provides

technical support to Maternal and Child Health programs and activities, as well as Reproductive Health – including Family Planning, which constitutes a large part of her portfolio in the E&E health sector.

During this quarter, Felicia Fielding became the mother of Charles Douglas Fielding, born October 7, 2005 at 5:50 AM, weighing in at 7 lbs. Charles and Felicia are doing well! Congratulations to Felicia and welcome, Charles! Ms Fielding will remain on Family leave until January 2006.

Mary J. Freyder, MPH
HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor
USAID/Caribbean Regional Program

Ms Mary Freyder serves as HIV-AIDS Technical Advisor to the Caribbean Regional Program (CRP). She provides US Government HIV and AIDS Technical and Programmatic

Leadership; ensuring coordination and synergy of HIV/AIDS activities with other USAID

CRP activities and related regional and country-level strategies supported by other donor partners and serves as a professional member of the USAID CRP technical team.

Ms Freyder provides US Government HIV and AIDS Technical and Programmatic Leadership. She reviews implementing partner annual work plans, quarterly and annual progress reports and expenditures, and drafts the HIV/AIDS narratives for annual USAID results reporting process to USAID/Washington. She participates on multi-donor HIV/AIDS working groups and Caribbean regional and international forums, and provides technical and programmatic leadership in HIV/AIDS planning, implementation and evaluation. Ms Freyder provides technical and programmatic oversight of key components of the HIV/AIDS strategy ensuring the achievement of results on an annual or semi-annual basis and at the end of the five-year strategy. This also includes development and management of a performance monitoring plan for the HIV regional strategy, monitoring of implementing partner results semi-annually, annually and at the end of strategy.

She participates in the design, implementation and evaluation of appropriate operational and intervention-linked quantitative and qualitative studies for the evaluation of HIV/AIDS activities as appropriate (i.e. behavioral surveillance surveys, health facility surveys, human resource capacity assessments). She provides technical assistance in capacity building, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to key governmental and non-governmental partners. And she assists implementing partners in the development of achievable, measurable objectives for implementation of innovative HIV/AIDS activities.

Ms Freyder is responsible for ensuring coordination and synergy of HIV/AIDS activities with other USAID CRP activities and related regional and country-level strategies supported by other donor partners. She participates as a USG/USAID technical representative in technical, programmatic and policy development meetings with Ministry of Health officials and other related government officials, other donor partners (both multi and bilateral) and non-governmental partners. She ensures technical, programmatic and administrative synergy between HIV/AIDS and other related CRP activities (e.g. democracy and governance, private sector) by facilitating exchange of technical and programmatic information with CRP technical teams and identifying opportunities for partnership on technical and programmatic activities.

Ms Freyder serves a member of US Embassy interagency HIV committees in at least three US Embassies in the region (Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Suriname) to provide technical leadership on HIV/AIDS to the US Government global efforts.

Ms Freyder also serves as a professional member of the USAID CRP technical team. This includes: participating in regular team meetings and other USAID routine mission-wide meetings, as applicable; providing technical and programmatic input and participates in the planning and presentation of the annual portfolio review to USAID Mission senior management. Ms Freyder participates in the preparation of high-level delegations (i.e. USAID senior management, Congressional Delegations) as necessary and applicable. She coordinates and communicates regularly with other members of the CRP HIV/AIDS Team and other CRP technical teams on technical, programmatic and policy issues related to HIV/AIDS.

Kama G. Garrison, MPH
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor

Ms Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with technical and

managerial assistance Ms Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program and the United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Quality and Information (USPDQI) Program. Ms Garrison contributes to strengthening Health, Infectious Disease, and Nutrition (HIDN) approaches and strategies and enhancing health system performance in the delivery of PHN priority interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases by improving overall drug management, product quality assurance and pharmaceutical information activities. She supports efforts to combat the development of drug resistance and increase the awareness of this growing problem in light of the many global initiatives supplying vastly increased amounts of drugs to developing countries with weak health systems and scarce human resource capacity to manage and use them effectively. Ms Garrison provides technical support to the antimicrobial resistance component of the USAID Infectious Disease Strategy.

Ms Garrison identifies drug management research and operational issues related to health commodity management and infectious disease control requiring attention, and develop appropriate mechanisms for assuring drug quality and information dissemination for enhanced quality of care, including preventing the emergence and spread of drug resistance as well as the formulation of Agency efforts to promote global collaboration. She exercises technical leadership, and provides appropriate and effective assistance to field programs. She maintains and enhances Health Systems (HS) Division contacts with a broad range of stakeholders, including Strategic Objective teams, field missions, regional bureaus, contractors, multilateral and bilateral donor organizations, foundations, global initiatives providing health commodities, the pharmaceutical industry, and USG agencies, among others.

Ms Garrison participates in the development and monitoring of assigned elements of Cooperating Agency (CA) work plans, including the overarching health commodity components affecting the performance of the health system or specific activities designed more directly to help achieve HIDN Strategic Objectives. She oversees implementation of selected CA commodity management health system improvement efforts as well as Strategic Objective directed work. These include areas such as increasing access to appropriate drugs of assured quality in the private sector and approaches to help institutionalize transparent and accountable procurement practices within health systems. She coordinates RPM Plus and USPDQI field support to selected USAID geographic regions (Asia, Near East, Europe and Eurasia, West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean) by working directly with cooperating agencies and missions. She also oversees implementation of selected research activities being undertaken by the cooperating agencies (e.g., intervention research on drug use practices in the community or development of low cost, low tech tools to screen for and detect sub-potent drug products).

Cherry M. Gumapas, MPH
HIV/AIDS Behavior Change and
Communications Specialist
USAID/Maputo, Mozambique

Ms Cherry Gumapas arrived in Maputo on May 4, 2005. She serves as HIV/AIDS Behavior Change and Communications Specialist with the HIV/AIDS Team at USAID/Maputo. She provides technical

leadership to assist USAID/Mozambique to carry out specific responsibilities for planning, implementing, monitoring and overseeing activities under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) related to HIV/AIDS awareness, behavior change communications (BCC), condom social marketing, abstinence and faithfulness behavior change, including youth, and special prevention efforts targeting high risk groups.

Ms Gumapas serves as technical advisor for partners implementing Abstinence, Be Faithful and Other Prevention activities related to and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and behavior change. Some of these partners include the Johns Hopkins Center for Communications Program/Mozambique National AIDS Council, PSI, Samaritan's Purse, World Relief, Food for the Hungry and Project Hope.

During the last quarter, Cherry monitored PEPFAR prevention activities implemented by Project HOPE and World Vision in Zambezia province, and Samaritan's Purse in Inhambane province. The majority of HIV prevention partners emphasize the Abstinence & Being Faithful approach recommended by the Office of the Global AIDS Committee. In Zambezia's Milange district, 3km from the Malawian border, Cherry met with members of several Project HOPE school and/or community based youth groups. Those aged 10-14, are treasured as Mozambique's '*Janela da Esperança*', or Window of Hope; and participate in activities such as dance, music, goal setting and discussions focused on promotion of abstinence and delay of sexual debut. Older youth, along with religious figures, parents and relatives, traditional healers and other influential community figures, are involved in community debates, drama and small group discussions focused on partner reduction, fidelity and safer community norms that reduce risk for HIV infection.

Cherry acts as chair of the Interagency Working Group on Prevention, facilitating USG PEPFAR cooperation (CDC, Department of Defense, the State Department, Peace Corps and USAID) and COP preparation for programs covering AB, other prevention, prevention of medical transmission and PMTCT.

She was responsible for drafting the program description of a PEPFAR RFA that seeks to promote delay of sexual debut, abstinence, faithfulness, partner reduction and healthy community norms.

Cherry has also initiated a quarterly AB Information Exchange, a roundtable discussion for organizations working in the areas of abstinence and fidelity focused HIV prevention. Topics have ranged from addressing cultural traditions that increase a person's risk to HIV transmission to emphasizing the influential roles of '*curandeiros*', or traditional healers.

In early October, she successfully completed the one-week Planning, Achieving and Learning Program Project Management Training (PAL) held in Maputo.

***Kamden D. Hoffmann, MA, MPH
Child Health Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH**

Ms Hoffmann has been assisting the Transitional Team of the newly formed Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health which will officially be launched in New

York on September 12, 2005, prior to the UN World Summit. In addition, she is an integral part of the interim country support working group (iCSWG). The iCSWG was designed to continue in-country activities such as policy review/development, maternal, neonatal, and child health assessments, resource tracking, and other activities linked to galvanizing support for reduction in maternal and child mortality among Partnership countries. As part of the zinc team, she is actively engaged in countries with the potential for zinc introduction to assess the feasibility in those countries that are interested in promoting zinc as an adjunctive treatment for diarrheal disease.

Ms Hoffmann has also been providing technical assistance to the newly announced President's Initiative on Malaria; President Bush challenged the world to dramatically reduce malaria as a major killer of children in sub-Saharan Africa and pledged to increase funding of malaria prevention and treatment by more than \$1.2 billion over five years. The goal is to reduce malaria deaths by 50 percent in targeted African countries.

Ms Hoffmann was recently selected as the Alternate Country Coordinator for the Mali country team. In October 2005, Ms Hoffmann visited the USAID/Mali Mission during their annual partners meeting. As part of her scope, she provided assistance to the Mali country team of the interim Country Support Working Group (iCSWG) for the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH). She met with various stakeholders and partners, discussed strategies and policies related to MNCH, and briefed in-country partners and the Ministry of Health on the PMNCH. She also provided the Mission with recommendations for child health programming in the current portfolio.

Following this visit, she attended a conference on Positive Deviance in Toronto, Canada. Positive deviance is a development approach that revolves around solutions to community problems that already exist within the community. It differs from "needs based" or problem-solving approaches, because it does not focus on identification of needs and external inputs necessary to meet those needs or solve problems. As an alternative, it seeks to identify and maximize existing resources and solutions within the community to solve community problems.

Following the workshop, she spent the month of November at the USAID/Uganda Mission to assist in planning and implementation of activities related to the President's Initiative on Malaria; President Bush challenged the world to dramatically reduce malaria as a major killer of children in sub-Saharan Africa and pledged to increase funding of malaria prevention and treatment by more than \$1.2 billion over five years. The goal is to reduce malaria deaths by 50 percent in targeted African countries. Angola, Tanzania and Uganda were the first three countries selected.

In December, Ms Hoffmann attended a conference in London, entitled "Tracking

Progress in Child Survival - Countdown to 2015". She also participated and provided input to the iCSWG of the PMNCH, which will met throughout the week of the conference.



Kamden Hoffmann with pregnant women attending an outreach event during their ANC (antenatal care) visit in Bougouni, Mali.



Kamden Hoffmann with a mother and child following the ANC outreach event in Bougouni, Mali.

Lisa M. Kramer, MPH
HIV/AIDS, TB & Infectious Diseases
Advisor
USAID/Jakarta

Ms Lisa Kramer serves as HIV/AIDS, and Infectious Diseases Advisor at USAID/Indonesia. She works as a member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases Team, including HIV/AIDS, avian influenza (AI),

malaria, HIV/AIDS, avian influenza (AI), malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. As a member of the team she provides policy, strategic, technical, programming, and budgetary guidance to USAID/Indonesia, government counterparts and implementing partners. Ms Kramer serves as the technical advisor for a large cooperative agreement with Family Health International (FHI) for HIV/AIDS; avian influenza programs implemented through a PASA agreement with the Naval Medical Research Unit-2 (NAMRU-2) and an agreement with Academy for Educational Development (AED); TB activities supported through a worldwide USAID cooperative agreement with the TB Coalition for Technical Assistance, managed by the Royal Dutch TB Association (KNCV); and a PIO grant to UNICEF for malaria. In the context of the 2004-2008 Country Strategic Plan, she works within the Strategic Objective team to ensure that maximum program synergies and targeted results are achieved.

During this quarter, Ms Kramer worked with USAID/Washington and implementers to finalize a new behavior change communications program for AI. The Avian Influenza Behavior Change and Communications Support Activity for Indonesia was awarded to AED and is specifically designed to minimize the risk of AI transmission by enhancing public awareness and behavior change of high-risk practices. Activities in Indonesia will be focused strategically on Java, where the H5N1 strain is prevalent in poultry and populations are densely situated. Ms Kramer is providing technical assistance to this activity and will monitor to ensure that it is coordinated with on-going programming under NAMRU-2, WHO, and FAO.

For AI, Ms Kramer continues to chair the bi-weekly meetings of the Jakarta based Avian Influenza Working Group, which includes representatives from State (Econ, Public Affairs, Consular, and Medical Unit), DOD, and NAMRU-2. She has written the USG strategy for AI prevention and control for Indonesia. Ms Kramer has provided technical guidance and monitoring of the regional AID funded program with FAO for AI prevention and control in Indonesia. In October, Ms Kramer traveled to Bangkok to participate in the FAO-USAID Workshop on Immediate Assistance for Strengthening Community-based Early Warning and Early Reaction to Avian Influenza Outbreaks in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, PR China and Vietnam. She has assisted with development of the AI prevention and control agriculture sector strategy and the FAO workplan. Ms Kramer also coordinates with and attends regular meetings with the Government of Indonesia (Coordinating Ministry for Peoples Welfare, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Agriculture), International Organizations, and other donors for AI.

Ms Kramer has organized a number of high level briefings on AI. She worked closely with AID and State in preparation for the visit by Secretary Michael Leavitt and his delegation. She provided briefing materials for AI and HIV/AIDS and she organized a polio stakeholders meeting for Secretary Leavitt. Ms Kramer helped prepare AI and HIV/AIDS briefings AA Jim Kunder and Administrator Natsios for their visits to Indonesia. She has also and participated in briefings for APHIS Director Ron DeHaven and Congressional

delegations.

Ms Kramer has worked with FHI to finalize the year one workplan for the HIV/AIDS program. She conducted monitoring site visits of HIV/AIDS program activities in East Java and organized an HIV/AIDS site visit and briefing for Jim Kunder. HIV/AIDS activities in East Java focus on high-risk groups, and the monitoring visits and meetings included outreach activities in a large brothel complex and in a transvestite community, outreach services for injecting drug users, STI services for sex workers, and STI services for clients of sex workers. The STI clinic for clients is a monthly clinic set up for dock workers at the port administrative facility. This well attended clinic provides on the spot STI diagnosis and treatment, referrals for HIV VCT, behavior change education, and condoms

Ms Kramer attended the USAID sponsored National Congress on Tuberculosis in Jakarta. This Congress included presentations to formalize the international standards of TB care among private sector medical practitioners in Indonesia. Ms Kramer attended and provided opening remarks for a USAID sponsored workshop to increase the involvement of NGOs in the National TB Program.

Projected activities for the next quarter are to roll-out the new AI behavior change communications program, monitor FAO's roll-out of the AI prevention and control program, including site visits around Java, and monitor the NAMRU-2 AI surveillance and training activities. Ms Kramer will monitor the HIV/AIDS program, including site visits (possibly to Papua). High-level visitors to Indonesia are expected in the next quarter that will likely require significant time for preparation and AI presentations and meetings. Close-out of the NAMRU-2 malaria program and the FHI HIV/AIDS program will be completing in the next quarter.

Nazo Kureshy, SM
Maternal and Child Health
Technical Advisor
Child Survival and Health Grants
Program
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

Ms Nazo Kureshy serves as Maternal and Child Health Technical Advisor to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Ms Kureshy provides technical and programmatic support to the Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) in development and implementation of program policy, priorities

and activities related to child survival and health, including a focus on maternal and child health, nutrition, and infectious diseases.

Ms Kureshy takes responsibility for providing technical direction and backstopping for the CORE Group, and its eight working groups representing key child survival and health technical areas. This includes providing guidance and direction on the development of annual work plans to ensure congruence with expected program results and USAID's Global Health Bureau Strategic Objectives (SO) technical priorities.

She provides technical and operational backstopping for a subset of community-based PVO grants in various countries including reviewing applications and detailed

implementation work plans, and monitoring technical progress toward stated objectives through review of annual reports, conducting on-site monitoring visits, and communicating directly with PVO headquarter and field backstops. She provides guidance and input on the development of CSHGP-related program guidance for these application-, work plan- and reporting-processes and procedures.

She also provides technical direction to the CSHGP in one or more of the major technical program areas of maternal health and child survival, including community-based prevention and case management of diarrheal diseases, acute respiratory infection, and malaria, as well as strengthening PVO capacity in community-based health programming in immunization, nutrition and micronutrients, maternal and neonatal health, and infectious diseases. This includes liaising and communicating with relevant GH SO team members and technical advisors in the GH Bureau and in doing so, represent PVO and community-focused approaches in these areas.

Ms Kureshy represents the CSHGP in strategic planning and coordination of activities in selected technical areas of BGH cooperating agencies (i.e. BASICS III, FANTA, ACCESS, HIP, RPM Plus, QAP, MEASURE) and other maternal, child health and nutrition-related grants and agreements. She represents the CSHGP team at USAID as well as global and regional meetings in the relevant technical areas.

During this past quarter, Nazo Kureshy participated with the CSHGP team in the design of some key meetings, including the FY 2006 RFA Conference and the New Grantee Orientation. She also attended the CORE Fall workshop in DC and the Tracking Progress in Child Survival: Countdown to 2015 meeting in London.

Nazo has invested significant time in strengthening and systematizing CSHGP's communication with CORE and laying a strong foundation for managing and monitoring the progress of the cooperative agreement with CORE. With the CSHGP team, she reviewed and developed a response for the FY2006 workplan submitted by CORE.

Nazo provided technical input to the refinement and finalization of the CSHGP annual results report and the Performance Management Plan. She conducted a review of selected active projects with maternal and newborn care components and synthesized the information for determining strengths and weaknesses as well as mechanisms to strengthen the MNC component of grantee projects. She also reviewed projects in the Expanded Impact category and coordinated a meeting with CSHGP partners (CORE, CSTS) and key GH staff at USAID to share lessons, discuss issues, and strategize work associated with scaling up. Nazo also worked with CSTS colleagues to design a meeting to share and critically assess the Lives Saved analysis of recently completed CSHGP projects with USAID Global Health colleagues.

During the month of October, Nazo participated in an online training orientation focusing on the Response Management and Disaster Assistance Response Teams in order to provide temporary support to the ANE Liaison for the Response Management team for the earthquake in Pakistan.

Stephen A. Lee, MD
Senior Advisor for HIV/AIDS Care and
Treatment
USAID/GH/OHA/TLR

Dr Stephen Lee serves as Senior Advisor for HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment in the Division of Technical Leadership and Research of the Office of HIV/AIDS.

Serving as HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Advisor, Dr Lee assists Missions, regional field offices, regional bureaus, CAs, PVOs, host country governments and NGOs in the design and implementation HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs. Dr Lee analyzes data, reports and other information about HIV/AIDS care and treatment both domestically and internationally and reviews relevant policies so as to recommend appropriate USAID policy and programs. A specific focus area of this assignment is anti-retroviral treatment programs

Dr Lee provides on-going technical assistance, training, and consultation on the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs to the Office of HIV/AIDS, GH Bureau, and Missions. He provides assistances in management of cooperative agreements designed to implement HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs, and methods to monitor and evaluate programs. He coordinates HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs with Missions, regional bureaus, GH, U.S. government agencies, international agencies, donors, banks, and implementation partners.

Dr Lee serves as HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Subject Matter Specialist. He analyzes, synthesizes and disseminates key research findings, cutting edge methodologies, and best practices to the GH Bureau, Missions and CAs regarding HIV/AIDS care and treatment, and their application to USAID programs. He develops and delivers HIV/AIDS care and treatment presentations, reference materials, speeches and prepares reports and other documents as required. He develops collaborations with counterparts in U.S. government and international agencies. Dr Lee provides leadership and technical oversight on the design and publication of USAID material related to HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs.

Dr Lee provides guidance and direction on USAID's strategic approach to HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs. He participates in the review and evaluation of existing policies on HIV/AIDS care and treatment and other relevant policies – providing recommendations and modifications to existing policies or the creation of new policies to support and/or enhance USAID HIV/AIDS global activities.

Dr Lee works closely with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) and other USG Agencies in the implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He also serves as the co-chair of the Adult Treatment Technical Working Group at OGAC.



Dr Lee visiting the Seboche Clinic in Lesotho

***Patricia J. Mengech, MPH
Africa Regional Program Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS**

Patricia Mengech serves as Africa Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's (GH) Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS). One of GH's six offices, RCS is

responsible for representing USAID missions in Washington and supporting their needs. This includes ensuring mission views are factored into GH decisions that impact the field; providing missions with technical, management, and logistical assistance; providing strategic information and resources to missions; coordinating technical support to the field with GH offices and regional bureaus; and providing staff coverage for missions during absences and peak work periods. Patricia is the RCS backstop for USAID missions in ten African countries (Benin, Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, and Zambia) and for the Regional Economic Development Services Office for East and Southern Africa (REDSO/ESA) health office.

Patricia is alternate country coordinator (ACC) for USAID's mission in Malawi. Along with the country coordinator, the ACC is the primary contact and principal coordinator of technical and other support for the mission PHN team; serves as the Agency authority on the PHN program, sector and country context; serves as a virtual member of mission PHN team; and represents mission PHN program and interests in Washington.

In October, Patricia traveled to Lilongwe, Malawi, to assist the USAID/Malawi health team mission at a critical time (with numerous deliverables due in Washington in the subsequent months and the health team being short-staffed). Patricia assisted the Mission to develop a background briefing document and power point presentation on the

health program for the incoming Mission Director and helped the mission to write the health section for the new mission strategy statement.

In November Patricia traveled to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, to participate in an “East Africa Reproductive Health Contraceptive Security Workshop: Ensuring Access to Family Planning.” The workshop was jointly funded by KfW Development Bank and USAID and organized by the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) and John Snow, Inc. (JSI)/DELIVER. The meeting provided an opportunity for USAID, KfW and its partners from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, to discuss the priority issues that affect reproductive health contraceptive security in East Africa. Through plenary and small group discussions, participants shared technical concerns and strategic approaches as they strengthened collaborative partnerships.

In late November Patricia traveled to Cotonou, Benin, where she worked with an HIV/AIDS Advisor from the West Africa Regional Program (WARP, based in Accra, Ghana), to assist the USAID/Benin Family Health Team in strategizing for the future of its HIV/AIDS and social marketing programs. The visit included meetings with key stakeholder including the different offices in the USAID Mission, (Health, Basic Education, Governance, and Program), the Ministry of Public Health (including the Director of Family Health, the National AIDS Control Program, National AIDS Control Committee, and the National Malaria Control Program), the local IPPF affiliate – the Benin Association for Family Promotion, USAID’s current implementing partners (Population Services International, Africare and Catholic Relief Services), and other donors (World Bank Multisectoral AIDS Project, UNFPA, WHO, and UNICEF).

Abdirahman D. Mohamed, MD
Child Survival, Nutrition, Malaria and
TB Advisor,
USAID/Zambia

Dr Mohamed serves as USAID/Zambia lead technical expert in Child Survival, Nutrition Malaria and TB activities.

Dr Mohamed serves as the coordinator and primary technical resource for the implementation and monitoring/evaluation of USAID’s child survival, nutrition, malaria and TB&HIV/AIDS programs. He serves as the mission’s liaison with GRZ, other donors, and PVOs working in child survival, nutrition, malaria and TB. He serves as the USAID/Zambia liaison with USAID/Washington and its cooperating agencies to identify needs for technical assistance from USAID/W in the area of child survival, nutrition, malaria and TB&HIV/AIDS and coordinates its implementation with GRZ, all the USAID cooperating agencies, PVOs, and other donors.

In the last quarter, Dr Mohamed participated and provided technical assistance in the development of Zambia’s Community Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (C-IMCI) Multi-year strategic plan 2006-10. The household and community IMCI is an integrated childcare approach that aims at improving key family and community practices that are likely to have the greatest impact on child survival, growth and development. It is the key to the provision of equity of access to cost effective and quality health care as close to the family as possible. IMCI key family practices have impacted on the morbidity and mortality rates of children under five years old. The strategy promotes multi-sectoral

participation, linkages between communities and increases availability of services and supplies at the community level.

In this quarter, Dr Mohamed worked closely with the Ministries of Health and Agriculture as well as representatives from international organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to develop a national preparedness plan for Avian Influenza.

In response to the recent warnings and intense international media coverage about AI, USAID has taken steps to help the Government of Zambia prepare for a potential avian influenza outbreak and develop a national preparedness plan. USAID has been active in trying to galvanize government, bilateral and multilateral organizations into action to prepare for an AI pandemic. As a top priority of the USAID Administrator since the AI threat became prominent in the news media, USAID has thus far participated in all government task force meetings, done an assessment of Avian Influenza preparedness in Zambia, and met with Ministry of Health and other relevant Ministries to consult on their actions thus far and share documents that may help them to put together their emergency preparedness plan.

Dr Mohamed completed his HCSFP assignment in December.

***Patricia Ann Paine, D. Litt. et. Phil,
MSc, MSc
Senior TB Advisor
USAID/Brazil***

Dr Paine serves as Senior TB Advisor at USAID/Brazil. In this capacity she is responsible for assisting the Mission and its external partners to accomplish programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's

Strategic Objective (SO) #3 Increased Sustainable and Effective Programs to Prevent Sexual Transmission of HIV among Target Groups and to Control Tuberculosis in Target Geographic Areas.

Dr Paine provides technical and managerial assistance in the achievement of USAID/Brazil's health strategic objective for TB control. She serves as the principal advisor to the Mission's Health Team Leader in the area of TB. She assists the Health Team Leader in the supervision of USAID/Brazil's TB prevention and TB control programs. She also assists the Health Team Leader to articulate the activities, problems, and progress of USAID/Brazil's TB control programs to the Mission's Senior Management and the U.S. Embassy staff.

Dr Paine assists in the development of strategies, results frameworks and performance monitoring plans for the Health Team and promotes cross linkages to other SO teams with the Mission as appropriate. She assists in the preparation of Mission program documents to USAID/RCO/La Paz and USAID/Washington, including Annual Reports, internal reviews, and other written reports as required. She provides assistance in the development of USAID/Brazil's monitoring and evaluation system, the analysis of performance data submitted by the implementing partners, and the collection of data for the Mission's Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP). She provides technical and

administrative assistance to USAID/Brazil in the development and implementation of the Mission's new Strategic Objective for TB control (FY03-08). She assists in the design, development and assessment of key research activities that will provide input on program decision-making during the Mission's new six-year strategic planning period.

Dr Paine prepares programming documentation related to the health portfolio, including scopes of work and cables, and contributes generally and specifically to the Mission's management review, annual report, and other documentation as appropriate. Dr Paine participates in meetings with officials from the Ministry of Health's (MOH) National Tuberculosis Program, National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory and state and municipal TB Programs to discuss ongoing and future TB activities. She attends national and international forums on TB, and assist in making presentations on USAID's TB prevention and control program in Brazil, and assist in articulating the Mission's plans and strategies. She develops and maintains contacts with relevant implementing partners, such as the CDC and PAHO, and their counterparts as well as with health representatives from other donors and within municipal, state and federal health agencies. In October, Dr Paine will attend the WHO Training Course for Programme Managers on TB/HIV Collaborative Activities.

***Billy Pick, JD, MSW
HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor
USAID/ANE/SPOTS***

Mr Billy Pick serves as HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor to the Asia Near East Bureau. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the design, monitoring and evaluation of

USAID's STD and HIV-AIDS programs, projects and initiatives within the Asia and Near East region. He assists in the management, implementation and evaluation of the ANE Regional HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Project. He monitors HIV/AIDS and STD trends, programmatic activities and developments in the ANE region. Mr Pick provides technical support to USAID overseas missions on the design and implementation of interventions to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. He serves as liaison to the USAID's Bureau of Global Health on technical issues and on regional developments and issues. Mr Pick assists with coordination of HIV/AIDS and STD activities. He also serves in a liaison capacity with cooperating agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector and other organizations working on HIV-AIDS/STD issues in the region.

This past quarter, Mr Pick went on TDY to Indonesia to conduct an external evaluation of the bilateral FHI/Aksi Stop AIDS Project and provide recommendations for a follow-on mechanism. He also went on TDY to Vietnam twice during this period: first as part of a country Core Team visit to meet with Government, INGO, local NGO and PLWHA on the accession of Vietnam to status as a Presidential Initiative country; and then as part of the team which finalized the country strategy and the submission of the FY05 Country Operating Plan. He also traveled to Cambodia to work on the Concept Paper for the 2006-2010 Country PHN strategy. He worked on and attended the State of the Art Training in Delhi for regional PHN staff. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including UNAIDS, WHO and the World Bank, as well as with USAID and Embassy TDY staff from the ANE region.

John C. Quinley, M.D., MPH, ScD
Child Survival Advisor
USAID/Nepal

Dr John Quinley serves as the Health and Child Survival Advisor to USAID/Nepal. Dr Quinley provides technical and administrative oversight to the USAID/Nepal supported public

health programs, policies, initiatives and activities, specifically in the areas of child health, maternal health and infectious disease. Dr Quinley works with USAID, Government of Nepal (GON), other donors, NGOs, and staff of the "Nepal Family Health Program" (NFHP), the USAID/Nepal family planning and maternal and child health bilateral activity. Dr Quinley provides technical oversight to the USAID/Washington BHR-funded Child Survival Grants including Mission response to proposals and technical guidance during implementation and evaluation.

In the last quarter Dr Quinley assisted with preparations for the upcoming Demographic and Health Survey, including the survey workshop, pre-testing and finalization. For the first time the 2006 DHS survey in Nepal will include analysis by social and economic groups, an assessment of the Female Community Health Volunteer program, anemia testing, better data on use of pharmacies as healthcare providers, a verbal autopsy of child deaths and Nepal's second systematic measurement of maternal mortality, so its results are eagerly awaited. The results of a series of baseline studies related to safe water/potable use treatment options came in and were reviewed in detail, providing the basis for promotion of POU treatment in four pilot districts in 2006, although none of the options looks easy. Dr Quinley participated in the Joint Annual Review of the health sector wide program (under World Bank/DFID auspices) and the long USAID supported community-based integrated management of childhood illness program was singled out for rapid national expansion (it currently covers 57% of the population). This is quite a change from the cautious approach taken in prior years.

Yogesh Rajkotia
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS
Health Systems Advisor

Mr Yogesh Rajkotia serves as Health Systems Advisor in the Health Systems division of USAID's Bureau for Global Health's Office of Health, Infectious Disease and

Nutrition. He participates in the development and oversight of a new health financing, policy, and management strengthening project with worldwide scope, the provision of technical assistance to USAID missions in health financing, policy and management, and the identification and response to new opportunities to improve the health impact of USAID's work by strengthening health systems

Mr Rajkotia provides USAID missions with direct technical assistance in health system strengthening, with particular emphasis on PHN strategy development, project design and strategy or project evaluation.

He participates in development of new USAID health system strengthening global activity. This activity is expected to focus on health policy and finance with more limited attention to human resources, commodities and health information.

Rochelle Rainey, PhD
Water Supply, Sanitation and
Environmental Health
Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN

Dr Rochelle Rainey serves as Water Supply, Sanitation and Environmental Health Technical Advisor to USAID/GH/HIDN. She provides USAID with programmatic and technical expertise in water supply and sanitation, particularly point-of-use water

treatment, as these relate to public health and serves as the lead USAID technical resource on these issues.

Dr Rainey provides leadership in the development, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative program approaches in health-focused water supply and sanitation activities. She works to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with USAID field Missions, regional Bureaus, and other central Offices, including providing technical guidance for project design and evaluation in water supply, sanitation, and environmental health. She serves as liaison to and coordinates with the USAID Water Team, linking health-focused water supply and sanitation activities with other water sector activities, including integrated water resources management. Dr Rainey provides technical and program oversight of the work contractors and cooperating agencies engaged by HIDN. She maintains liaison with other international development organizations such as: WHO, PAHO, UNICEF, UNDP, and the World Bank, other donor and bilateral agencies.

In November, Dr Rainey had an article published in the Journal of Water and Health, (Rainey, R. & Harding, A. (2005). Drinking water quality and solar disinfection: Effectiveness in peri-urban households in Nepal. Journal of Water and Health, (3) 2005, 239-248) based on her doctoral research. She attended several trainings at USAID, including Conflict, Vulnerability and Fragility, a three-day course organized by the Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Bureau, and a training in Global Development Alliances at the end of November. As time permits, she is auditing a course at Johns Hopkins University on Water and Sanitation Issues in Complex Emergencies, but more often communicating by email with the professor. She made two presentations to USAID and other colleagues, including a session on Point of Use Water Treatment for the Child Survival and Health Grants Program in September, and the Mini-University held at Academy for Educational Development in October.

As part of her role as co-chair of the Implementation Working Group for the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage, Dr Rainey attended a two-day conference in Quito, Ecuador, where non-governmental organizations working in Latin America presented the results of their work and formed country-level networks to promote various types of household water treatment. Dr Rainey also visited partners and sites in Ghana and Mali under the West Africa Water Initiative, looking for ways to integrate hygiene promotion, sanitation, and household water disinfection into their existing activities. This was her first trip but the partners are interested in focusing their work to contribute to meeting the Millennium Development Goals on safe water and sanitation, so she may return to West Africa early in 2006. She participated in The Asia and Near East Bureau's Blue Revolution Initiative meeting in Bangkok in early December, as well as a two-day meeting on the Environmental Cooperation-Asia (ECO-Asia) program.

Ongoing activities include co-chairing of the Implementation Working Group of the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage. She will participate in a conference of this group on large-scale interventions for household water treatment in Quito in October. Dr Rainey continues to serve as the Environmental Health team Technical Advisor on the Interagency meetings preparing for the upcoming World Water Forum in Mexico in early 2006.

***M. D'Arcy Richardson,
RN, PHN, MS, CNS
Senior Tuberculosis and Infectious
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USAID/GH/RCS/EEST***

Ms M. D'Arcy Richardson serves as Senior Tuberculosis and Infectious Disease Advisor to USAID's E&E Regional Bureau and USAID Field Missions in the E&E Region. She maintains current up-to-date information on USAID-assisted and other donor and host

country programs and current issues and best practices in TB and other ID. She works on the development of health strategies and programs for the E&E region and ensures that critical technical knowledge in public health is transferred to the field. She participates with E&E and GH Staff in the review of annual reports, mid-cycle reviews, and strategy reviews in E&E countries. She provides technical support and assistance to Agency-wide and regional technical initiatives or policy priorities related to public health, especially for tuberculosis and other infectious and chronic diseases.

During the quarter, D'Arcy participated in the week-long E&E Health Managers' Workshop in Kyiv, Ukraine, organizing a session on TB issues in the region. She stayed on in Ukraine for an additional week to attend the WHO TB end-of-pilot project conference in Donetsk where she delivered a welcoming speech on behalf of the USAID/Kyiv Mission to over 150 participants from all over Ukraine. She participated in meetings with the Deputy Minister of Health, USAID, the World Bank, WHO, and PATH to reach agreement on next steps in TB control program development in Ukraine, and subsequently assisted with a scope of work to aid the Ministry of Health in developing a national TB control manual.

D'Arcy traveled to Romania to participate in a mid-term evaluation of a Doctors of the World TB project funded through a USAID Child Survival grant. She visited the National TB program, Roma communities where Peer Health Educators have been trained to provide TB outreach and support greater access to care, TB clinics, and health care workers. D'Arcy went on to Moldova to participate in a WHO TB program monitoring mission, where she visited the USAID Country Office, national and regional TB reference laboratories, TB hospitals and outpatient clinics in Chisinau, Balti, and Bender (Transnistria), TB patients, and the MDR-TB unit in Chisinau where preparations are underway for a DOTS-Plus pilot program.

She attended the International Union against TB and Lung Disease's annual meeting in Paris, as well as the Stop TB Partnership's "mega-meeting" of three work groups on DOTS Expansion, MDR-TB, and TB/HIV. She also participated in the TB/HIV technical review panel for PEPFAR Country Operational Plans, reviewing and commenting on four COPs.

D'Arcy worked with partners to develop a Regional TB Network project, plan a European Region Ministerial Conference on the Regional TB Emergency declared by WHO, and schedule a TB monitoring and evaluation workshop for the region.

At USAID/W, Ms Richardson serves as the E&E Team Leader for RCS. She is the Country Coordinator for the Central Asian Republics and Alternate Country Coordinator for West/NIS, providing backstopping and health portfolio support to the Regional and Country Missions in CAR and Ukraine. She participates in the GH/HIDN TB Team, the E&E Health Team, and RCS management team.

***Robert G. Rosenberg, MD, MPH
Senior Health Systems Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS/EEST***

Bob Rosenberg continues to enjoy the opportunity to serve as an E&E Regional Specialist in Health Care Systems to the Bureau for Global Health's Regional and

Country Support Team. The major focus of his work is on programs and systems that strengthen health care systems in the region. He continues to provide back-up technical support and works on special regional projects. His duties as Country Coordinator have also been expanded with the addition of Azerbaijan to Armenia as his responsibilities. During this particularly busy quarter a number of special projects have consumed the bulk of his time.

Bob played a gratifying contributory role in planning, presenting and producing the Regional Health Managers Workshop that was conducted in Kyiv, Ukraine, September 12 through 16th. The workshop broke new grounds by focusing on the issues brought in by the field. It was considered a major success; one that should be repeated early in 2007.

The spread of Avian Influenza from Asia into the EE region has prompted a major response by the Region; Bob helped formulate the regional response, attended agency wide working group meetings and briefings. This has led to the formation of the EE Avian Influenza Working Group with representatives from the entire Bureau. With funds forthcoming for USAID to participate in international activities to prevent the spread of AI and to help countries prepare for a possible pandemic, this will continue to be a significant personal focus for Bob.

At the end of the fiscal year, the HIV/AIDS regional project for Outreach and Prevention in Southeastern Europe was awarded to Abt and PSI. Bob worked through the issues and will continue to support the program as the Technical Advisor.

As part of his continuing educational program, Bob attended the World Bank's Flagship Course, a three week program in Washington, focusing on health care reform and financing. This exceptional opportunity will support additional activities in the development of health care systems

Ndeye Marietou Satin, MPH
HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and
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USAID/GH/OHA/SPER

Ms Ndeye Marietou Satin serves as HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) to provide broad HIV/AIDS-related

expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She works to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assist USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 14 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Ms Satin assists Cooperating Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies to design program activities that will have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects.

Ms Satin participates in the development and implementation of training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that will serve to broaden knowledge and practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs and related activities. Ms Satin provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design and implementation of national or program-level monitoring and evaluation systems and also in the design/implementation of program evaluations.

She participates as a member of the Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting (MER) Team, under the direction of the MER Team Leader, and as a member of the SPER Division in planning, implementing and reporting on activities at the Team, Division, Office and Agency levels.

Matthew U. Sattah, MSc, MPH
Knowledge Management Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Matthew Sattah advises the Bureau for Global Health on knowledge management (KM) and the applications of Information Technology. He also serves as the technical representative for

the Bureau to the Agency's "Knowledge for Development" subcommittee. The following are highlights of his accomplishments and current activities.

With guidance from the senior management staff, Matthew has produced a guideline for knowledge management for the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases & Nutrition. The guideline will serve as the first step toward the integration of Knowledge Management approaches in the new and existing programs

Matthew has been providing technical guidance in KM to the Information and Knowledge for Optimal Health (INFO) project within the Office of Population and Reproductive Health. He recently accompanied the INFO technical team to conduct a KM assessment activity for the Regional Development Mission—Asia in Bangkok and planned to work

closely with the team on the design and implementation of KM solutions.

Previously serving as technology lead in a development team for the Global Health Fundamentals eLearning System, Matthew is now tasked with filling the role of a 'champion' for this effort. The development team has produced two courses on Tuberculosis basics and the fundamentals of IUD and is currently planning additional courses to cover all major public health topics.

The Global Health Bureau has also chosen Matthew to lead the coordination of efforts in web development. He is currently working with teams of contractors and Global Health staff to manage the contents of the internet and intranet web sites.

Matthew continues to play a vital role in the Agency's Knowledge for Development subcommittee, especially in planning for the implementation of the Agency's KM strategy. He has assisted a team of trainers and consultants in designing and implementing a three-day workshop at the Regional Center for Southern Africa this summer. The workshop has resulted in the creation of "Knowledge Coordinator" roles by a number of missions in Africa. Matthew is now working with the KfD outreach team to provide the workshop to other missions.

Adam Y. Slote, M.D., MPH
Child Health Advisor
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As the Child Health Advisor assigned to Strategic Objective 3 (SO3), Dr Slote's chief responsibilities are to provide technical and operations support to the SO3 Team Leader,

and to the Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) for BASICS III, a USAID-funded project that serves as the SO's primary vehicle for achieving its intermediate results. In addition to these two responsibilities, he also serves as Global Health Country Coordinator for East Timor, and provides child survival technical support to other country teams on an as-needed basis.

Over the past quarter, Dr Slote assisted in the close-out of BASICS II and the start-up of BASICS III, continued work on the HIDN (Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition) Office's strategy on Community-Based Treatment (CBT) of Pneumonia and Malaria, contributed to discussions on Pediatric HIV/AIDS, and continued assistance to East Timor and Iraq.

Dr Slote also traveled to East Timor to assist the Mission in operationalizing its new health strategy, and to Senegal to discuss the next phase of a USAID-funded study on CBT of pneumonia and to attend a conference exploring the feasibility of partnering with a major pharmaceutical company on this endeavor.

Dr Slote completed his fellowship in October 2005. He continues to work at USAID as Asia Near East Team Leader.

***Alison M. Surdo, MPH
Advisor for HIV Voluntary
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Ms Alison M. Surdo serves as Advisor for HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing in the Office of HIV-AIDS Division of Technical Leadership and Research. She provides support to USAID's programs in prevention and mitigation

of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). MS Surdo provides USAID with both technical and programmatic advice on the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, particularly those involving voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) and linking clients to palliative care; treatment of opportunistic infections; antiretroviral drug treatment, and other prevention services. She is provides technical support and guidance for HIV rapid test issues.

She participates in technical working groups and committees including those on crosscutting issues involving USAID's Office of Population and Office of Health. She participates in international conferences dealing with HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. She is the co-chair of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Technical Working Group for Counseling and Testing and a member of the Prevention Steering Committee. Ms Surdo is also working with rapid test manufacturers, CDC and USAID's Supply Chain Management team on establishing objective and standard procedures for validating new HIV rapid tests as they come on the market and ensuring their quality.

Ms Surdo provides research and programmatic recommendations to cooperating agencies and OHA in the design and methodology of new research areas. She reviews the technical quality of projects by making site visits to the primary site and the field to provide technical assistance, monitor progress, review and analyze results, recommend changes in implementation, arrange for outside reviews as needed.

In October the Ms Surdo led the cross-agency technical review of the PEPFAR Country Operational Plans for counseling and testing activities. She is planning several cross agency technical assistance visits to the field for early 2006, in order to analyze countries' counseling and testing targets and help develop strategic approaches to increasing the number of persons who are tested for HIV and receive appropriate counseling, referrals, and follow-up services.

Also in October Ms Surdo participated in the OHA technical retreat and gave a presentation on strategic approaches for HIV counseling and testing. She gave a similar presentation and led a seminar discussion during the USAID "Mini-University" on October 14. In November she attended the bi-annual Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Integration Working Group meeting in Washington, DC. She also represented USAID at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Global AIDS Program Laboratory Retreat in Atlanta, GA and advised on HIV rapid test evaluation and procurement issues. Also at CDC she participated in several consultative meetings, working on priority issues including HIV testing and counseling for TB clinics and for PMTCT programs, pediatric and couple counseling and testing services, and HIV prevention integration into ART programs Finally, in December Ms Surdo participated in USAID training on acquisitions and assistance.

Angela M. Weaver, MPH
Child Health and Immunization
Technical Advisor
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Ms Angela M. Weaver serves as Child Health and Immunization Technical Advisor to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (HIDN) Office. Ms Weaver assists the

Maternal and Child Health Division to provide programmatic and technical support to immunization programs and activities and in the technical oversight of HIDN projects working in the area of immunization. In addition, she provides programmatic support to HIDN's infectious disease surveillance activities, including the European Infectious Disease Information Systems (EIDIS) Project and the African Regional Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET).

Ms Weaver is involved in the technical guidance and monitoring of HIDN's immunization project, Immunization Basics. This involves working with the Project to maintain a strategic and focused approach to improving immunization coverage in the Project's target countries and maintaining USAID's position of leadership in support of routine immunization programs Ms Weaver also assists USAID field missions in utilizing the Global Health Bureau's programmatic and technical support.

During this quarter, Ms Weaver participated in the World Health Organization's Immunization Training Partnership Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. She also attended the Sub-regional Meeting of National Immunization Program Managers and the 15th meeting of the Interagency Immunization Coordinating Committee, both of which were held in Antalya, Turkey. In December, she travelled to Accra, Ghana to take part in the Third African Regional TEPHINET Scientific Conference, where she announced the launch of a new immunization training grants program that she will be coordinating in collaboration with the Field Epidemiology Training Programs in Africa.

In October, she completed a one-day workshop in Baltimore, Maryland on Communication Skills offered by Johns Hopkins University's Center for Training and Education.



Woman and Child at Public Health Sub-Center, Jharkhand, Summer 2005.

Health and Child Survival Interns

When funds and opportunities are available, USAID/GH and the HCSFP National Secretariat can provide experience to individuals with rare qualifications through individually tailored internships that meet the needs of USAID, the program and the intern. Internships can last between one and six months.

Serena Williams

MSI Intern

DCHA/FFP and DCHA/CMM

During this period, Serena Williams assisted the Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation in advancing its health and conflict agenda. The primary objective of this phase of her internship

was to draft the CMM “Health as a Bridge for Peace Strategy Paper.” She also organized a presentation on “Public Health Approaches to Genocide Prevention” that took place on December 7. Serena completed her internship on December 16, 2005. Good luck, Serena!



A Zinc patient.

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